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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers and Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HCBS Intellectual Disability (ID) and Brain Injury (BI) Waiver Renewal Public Comment Period

The IME is preparing to submit the ID and BI Waiver renewal applications to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). As part of the renewal process the state is opening a public comment period for feedback on the renewal applications from November 1, 2014, through November 30, 2014.

The renewal applications include:

- The HCBS Setting Requirements
- The HCBS Person-Centered Planning Requirements
- Amended service definitions for Prevocational, Supported Employment and Day Habilitation services
- The limits of the legal representative as a paid employee
- Consumer Choices Option (CCO) changes that clarify how the CCO budget can be used to pay for goods and services
- Addition of transportation to and from work or day services as part of Supported Community Living service
- Transportation reimbursement changes
- Child Development Home Licensure qualification removal from provider enrollment
- Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) Phase-Out/Personal Care Phase-In

The draft renewal applications are posted on the [Home and Community Based Services](#) webpage¹ along with other related documents. This notice is also being distributed to provider associations, consumer advocacy organizations and other potentially interested stakeholders.

Comments regarding the draft renewal applications should be submitted in writing to: HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us. All comments will be reviewed, summarized, and responses developed. Appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the transition plans and responses to public comments will be posted on the DHS website.

Please submit any questions to HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>